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ARMSTRONG STATE

SAINT LEO

62	Final	1	2	T	68
	ARMSTRONG STATE (0-1)	30	32	62	
	SAINT LEO (1-0)	37	31	68	



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**SAINT LEO, Fla.** - The Saint Leo University women's basketball team held off Armstrong State University, 68-62, for a non-conference victory in both teams' 2014-15 season opener on Friday afternoon in Saint Leo, Fla., in the Saint Leo Classic.

Armstrong (0-1) will wrap up action in the classic by taking on No. 23-

GAME LEADERS

ARMSTRONG STATE

**Pts:** Brigitta Barta - 18  
**Reb:** 2 Players (#00, #11) - 6  
**Ast:** Shermika Harris - 5

SAINT LEO

ranked Rollins College at Noon on Saturday. Saint Leo (1-0) will face Montevallo at 2:00 p.m. in the final game of the Classic.

The Pirates hit just nine field goal in the first half, shooting 29 percent, as Saint Leo took a seven-point 37-30 lead at the break. Armstrong would cut the lead to two on several occasions in the second half, but the Lions would never relinquish the lead. A basket by sophomore **Brigitta Barta** with 54 seconds remaining would bring the Pirates within four, 64-60, but Saint Leo's Kinnara Lewis answered with a layup with 44 seconds left and the Lions' Melissa Jackson would hit two clinching free throws with five seconds left for the win.

Barta made 9-of-18 shots from the floor en route to a game-high 18 points, leading four Pirates in double figures on the night. Junior **Shermika Harris** chipped in 13 points, while senior **Dee Hayward** collected 12 points and senior **Amber Howell** notched 10.

Saint Leo was led by Jackson's 17 points and Mary Redmond's 16 points. The Lions enjoyed a 53-40 edge in rebounds and took advantage of making 19-of-31 free throws on the night.

<b>Pts:</b> Melissa Jackson - 17
<b>Reb:</b> 2 Players (#03, #10) - 9
<b>Ast:</b> Monique Bunk - 6

TEAM STATS		
ARMSTRONG STATE		SAINT LEO
(22-67)	Field Goals	(22-59)
32.8%	Field Goal %	37.3%
40	Rebounds	53
16	Assists	13
13	Turnovers	19
13	Pts off Turnovers	7
10	2nd Chance Pts	15
28	Pts in the Paint	22
0	Fastbreak Pts	0
62	Bench Pts	25

FULL STATS



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